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# A SOVIET GEOGRAPHICAL WORK ON KOREA

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At the end of 1951, the State Press of Geographical Literature put out the second edition of V. T. Zaychikov's book Koreya (Korea), which is a radical revision of the first edition issued in 1947. The factual data lying at the basis of the book in its first edition has been significantly supplemented by new material; also a series of new chapters and sections have been written. Consequently, the second edition represents a complex geographical monograph which gives an all-sided clarification of the nature and economy of the country.

The work represented by the book was carried out by Zaychikov at the Institute of Geography, Academy of Sciences USSR, and was submitted to the Scientific Council of the Institute as a doctoral dissertation. Favorable judgment of the work was given on 7 December 1951. Discussion at the session of the Scientific Council indicated the great interest of the Soviet scientific world in the Korean People's Republic.

In his concluding remarks in the discussion Zaychikov noted the difficulty of a detailed economic "regionalization" of all Korea under conditions of an economic development split between north and south. At present, one can speak only of regional differences. The author agreed to the necessity of expanding the data on the governmental system and political parties of Korea and also accepted a number of suggestions from participants in the discussion.

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